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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO GOG ON U.S. INTENTION TO REJOIN UNESCO

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Polcouns delivered talking points (reftels) on the USG's intention to rejoin UNESCO and our candidacy for the Executive Board to the MFA Director General for Multilateral Affairs Giovanni Castillo on March 25. Castillo said that Guatemala welcomed the USG decision to rejoin UNESCO, and said that the GOG could understand the USG's interest in being on the Executive Board in view of the substantial financial contribution the USG would be making to UNESCO's budget. He promised to inform us as soon as the GOG has a position on the U.S. candidacy.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Castillo also informed us that the GOG is considering proposing a candidate for the UNESCO Executive Board, current Minister of Culture Otilia Lux.
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